

- * Government has constituted Artificial Recharge of Ground Water Advisory Council under the Union Minister of Water Resources, which has representation from various Ministries concerned with rain water harvesting like Ministry of Rural Development, Urban Development, Agriculture, Environment and Forests, States/UTs, financial institutions, Industries/Public Undertakings and NGOs.
- * Ministry of Water Resources has requested other Central Ministries/Departments of Railways, Defence, Posts, Telecommunications, Central Public Works Department and National Highways Authority of India to provide roof top rain water harvesting structures in the buildings under their control.
- * To promote roof top rain water harvesting in rural areas, Ministry of Water Resources is implementing a demonstrative scheme through Non-Government Organizations under which funding is being provided for construction of roof top rain water harvesting structures for collection of rain water for drinking and use in two toilets constructed for girls in Girl Schools in the States. So far in the first installment (75% of the total cost), of total of Rs. 281.25 lakh have been provided to 23 Non-Government Organizations in 15 States.
- * Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation (Delhi Division) has amended Building Bye-laws 1983 by making it mandatory that all new buildings that are erected on plots of 100 sq.m. and above in Delhi provided for water harvesting through storing rain water run off to recharge under ground water aquifers. Similarly, State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Municipal Corporation of Jaipur, Rajasthan and Municipal Corporation of Ludhiana and Improvement Trust, Jalandhar, Punjab have made roof top rain water harvesting mandatory in urban area.

Establishment of West Coast Regional Centre of National Institute of Hydrology in Kerala

1476. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for establishing the West Coast Regional Centre of National Institute of Hydrology in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, whether the Competent Authority of Kerala during August, 2006 reiterated the representation for establishing a regional centre of National Institute of Hydrology in Kerala;

(d) if so, the details of action taken by Government; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A VIP reference from Shri N.K. Premachandran, Minister of Water Resources, Government of Kerala has been received in August, 2006 requesting for establishing a regional centre of National Institute of Hydrology in Kerala. However, no formal request of Government of Kerala has been received in this regard.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

Construction of irrigation project on Kalsa-Bandhura tributaries

1477. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Karnataka has decided to undertake construction of an irrigation project on Kalsa-Bandhura tributaries of Mahadai river flowing from Karnataka to Goa;

(b) whether the foundation stone for the project was laid down without the permission of the Central Government and the authorities under Central Government;

(c) whether the permission granted to the project and subsequently kept in abeyance by Government have been revoked;

(d) whether Government propose to constitute a Tribunal to resolve the dispute between States of Karnataka and Goa over the project; and